

Weekly Column for January 18, 2007

The next two weeks should be very interesting here in the Collar City. Winter is finally upon us, as these cold temperatures continue. The ice storm last week was not nearly as bad as other parts of the country, but it did serve as a great reminder that temperatures do not often hit 68 degrees in January.

There are some very exciting activities happening in the downtown tomorrow night. The Broken Mold, a store in the Market Block, will be celebrating its one-year anniversary in Troy, and Spill'n The Beans, the new café in the Market Block, will be open late with some exciting entertainment from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

As the downtown slowly changes its demographics, and businesses begin to stay open for extended hours, we grow a little closer to that 24-hour city I like to envision.

Karen Schlesinger, who owns the Digital Artist's Space at 27 Second Street, will have an exhibit opening on Friday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. This exhibit will showcase 15 different artists. So there you have it, if you are looking for something to do Friday evening, those are three great options.

On Wednesday, we will hold our first downtown forum for people who live, work and shop in the downtown area. The format of the meeting is very informal and meant to be more of an informational give and take. We want to know what people are seeing and hearing, and we want everyone to know that if we work together we will certainly achieve a greater quality of life.

That meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is obviously open to the public. It will be held in the City Council chambers, and if you are interested, by all means stop down.

Hopefully the meeting will go well, and in the upcoming months we can have several more on different days of the week, and different times of the day, to help accommodate the different walks of life in the downtown.

I hope everyone enjoys their weekend, and don't forget to come downtown tomorrow night. As always, I am readily available if you have any topic you need addressed. Call me at 270-4401, or e-mail me at [mayorsoffice@troyny.gov](mailto:mayorsoffice@troyny.gov)

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